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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2005/000946</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>19 JANUARY 2005</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/586,719</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>HEAT-TREATMENT APPARATUS FOR STEEL PLATE AND MANUFACTURING LINE OF STEEL PLATE HAVING THE HEAT-TREATMENT APPARATUS</b>		
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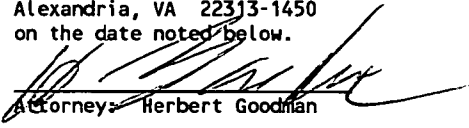
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